

Mr. Sumner,

Los Angeles,
Calif.

Dear Sir: —

I write, upon the suggestion of Mrs. M. A. Luce, Pres. of the San Diego Wednesday Club, to inquire if there are any terms by which we might secure any of your Indian records, to illustrate a day of "Indian Folk songs", to be given by our Club, Oct - 2nd.

We know how precious they are, but feel that it is no harm to inquire.

We have the character —

istics well represented,
except the lone-quality
of the Indian voice. Our
singers find it almost
impossible to make an
adequate imitation.

I might mention, which
may be no news to you,
however, that the Mesa
Grande Indians held
their last Eagle dance
last week. There will never
be another, as their last-
chief, Cinon, in whose
honor this ceremonial
was held, will have no
successor. A Mr. Davis,
at Mesa Grande, took
records of this occasion,
but the record (Edison) is too

precious to trust to his
stage lines besides a
rail road journey.

Mr. Davis has lived so long
with the Indians that he
sustains tribal relation-
ship, being a captain.

I trust this note will
not be an intrusion
upon your busy hours.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. R. H. Robbins
(Wednesday Club)

3641-7th St.

Sept. 28th 07.

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My dear Mrs. Robbins:-

Your note is no intrusion whatever; on the contrary I am glad of your interest.

I would not of course dare to let any of these delicate wax cylinders of the Southwest Society go outside their fire-proof room. I have been trying for some weeks, however, to secure an extra phonograph to duplicate a few of the most precious as a safe guard against accident. If I succeed in doing this, it would give me great pleasure to send you a copy of two or three songs.

In time we hope to have not only the transcription of these songs but to have the phonographic records electrotyped.

Sincerely Yours,